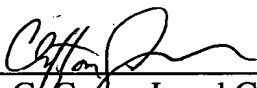


center including a television space; Group VIII, claim 33, drawn to an integrated laundry center including an audio system space; Group IX, claims 34-35, drawn to a clothes drying system; and Group X, claims 36-44, drawn to a method of designing an integrated laundry center.

The Applicant hereby elects the inventions of Group II, claims 10-24, without traverse. The Applicant notes that upon the allowance of linking claim 1, the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions of Groups I and III-VII should be withdrawn. The Applicant further notes that claims 33-45 were improperly numbered in the application as filed. The Examiner took notice of this error and renumbered the claims appropriately as claims 32-44 in the outstanding office action of September 15, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



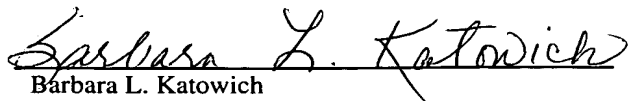
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